

PBC NLUS
BOD Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2018

Location: Marriott Courtyard, West Palm Beach, FL

Secretary: Cindy Saulog

Meeting convened 1200.

Present:

Steve Wiggins, Peter Petrelis , Cindy Saulog, Deirdre Krause , Dennis Zannucci, Eric Rydstrom, Joan Ross, Lou Palumbo, Phil Dunmire, Jerome Nelinson, Diana Paxton, Catherine Brister, Ken Lee, Dan Pedrick, Charles Stark, Sumner Hushings, Anita Manuel, Patricial Reybold. (18)

Quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance, Peter Petrelis

January 2017 Minutes:

Motion made by Phil Dunmire to “Accept” the January 2018 Minutes, Seconded by Diana Paxton.

Vote to “Accept” the January 2018 Minutes was unanimous. No corrections noted.

President’s remarks – Steve Wiggins

- 1.) Tammy Fernandez is looking to become more involved and would like to know where she would be best utilized.
- 2.) President requested Phil Dunmire to introduce his guest, Harry Scicora,
- 3.) Dennis Zannucci – Youth group leaders were quite pleased and honored to meet the members and make a presentation about their youth organization. Frank Verna from the Palm Beach Division, Sea Cadets, received a donation the day of presentation.
- 4.) Steve Wiggins sent an e-mail requesting each youth organization to submit budget for review. He would like to receive the budgets before next board meeting.
- 5.) Awards sponsorship email sent out by Ken Lee. Hoping to have good response. First awards will be handed out March 4th at the NOSC.

Reports:

Reports were sent in for the file: Deirdre Krause – Daly Scholarship and USCG; Ken Lee – VP Maritime; Anita Manuel – Treasurer; Jerry Nelinson - VP Communications ; Dan Pedrick – NOSC WPB Liaison; Jim Wells – USMC Liaison; Lou Palumbo – AUTEK; Joan Ross – Membership.

Additional discussion on Council reports:

Treasurers report – Anita Manuel

Change to financials. She met with Ken Lee and answered all questions. Accounts payable amount was put in for 2017.

No accounts payable for 2018.

Phil Dunmire questioned the Audit of \$10,000. We were told it was going to be \$3,500. \$7,000 for two years.

A donation of \$5,000 was given. Council only paid \$5,000. Audit was for 2015 and 2016. Phil questioned whether this was a surprise to the Board.

Phil Dunmire spoke to his CPA and no one has a certified audit. Phil Dunmire opposes the audit due to high cost. It's a diversion of funds.

Motion: Ken Lee motioned that a meeting should be held with the Finance Committee and Phil Dunmire. Sumner Hushings explained that an audit was required to satisfy potential donors who would like to leave a legacy. Motion seconded by Dan Pedrick, and accepted.

Audit has been completed for 2015-2016. Records were in good standing.

December and January Treasurer Report. Motion to accept by Sumner Hushings. Ken Lee seconds. Motion “accepted”.

Membership Report – Joan Ross

Report submitted

Programs – Jennifer Monroe

Absent

VP Youth – Dennis Zannucci

Youth Appreciation Dinner. We now sponsor six units instead of four units.

- American Veterans
- Palm Beach Division
- Young Marines of Palm Beaches
- NJROTC – Palm Beach Gardens HS
- NJROTC – RPB
- USMC at PB Lakes Community HS

Due to increase in youth organizations being sponsored, invitations will be 6-8 per unit instead of 10. This includes the cadets receiving the awards and adult officer.

Dennis Zannucci will send out invitations to all of the Commanding officers/leaders.

Jenny Monroe will call Iron Horse to determine menu.

Maritime VP - Ken

Report sent by e-mail. Addition to report, March 4th NOSC Sailor of the Quarter.

Dan Pedrick – Gear for Honor Guard has been ordered for NOSC. Urge to attend the Sailor of the Quarter presentation.

Coast Guard – Chief Parker will get back to Deidre Krause regarding the USCG report.

Lou Palumbo – AUTEK – will write to them this week for report details.

USS FLORIDA – two other councils take care of them

Lockheed Martin Grant – Peter Petrelis

- Lockheed Martin has requested for the Palm Beach Council to report on how previous year (2017) funds were expended alongwith our functions and who we support. The On line report was started and await Anita Manuel's input.

Daly Scholarship – Deirdre Krause

- Daly Scholarship information has been sent to the Palm Beach school system and cadet/Young Marine Units. Deirdre Krause will send out a reminder to units for applicant submission. Peter Petrelis will assist in this project, however looking for additional Council members to assist to review application packages.

Old Business

1) Discussion regarding website potential problems. After much debate a decision was made that these issues need to be worked out outside of the board meeting and presented to the board when ready.

- Anita Manuel expressed concern that PayPal is an unnecessary expense.
- Ken Lee went over the reports for the past four year and feels that having PayPal on the website is worth the expense.

Steve Wiggins– The PBC website is functional. Dennis Zannucci might be able to build something. NO backend – cannot collect data. A lot of problems solved with data backup. Cost – GoDaddy would be \$250 for the first 10 pages. New domain name would be \$20. Heather Tercel and Dennis Zannucci can work on additional pages.

Ken Lee – website has RSVP, PayPal and membership (main data base). All we need to do is ask the webmaster to make changes. No need for unnecessary expense.

Steve Wiggins asked Richard Dowell if the website is functional. According to Richard Dowell the website is working fine. He does not charge us and does not plan to charge us for the 2018.

2) Local dues: By-laws do allow it, HQ allows them as well.

- Anita Manuel “moves” to have local dues. Lifemembers are exempt.
- Eric Rydstrom will donate the amount received for local dues in order to assist treasurer in unnecessary paperwork and chasing people down.
- 2018 Board will not collect local dues.
 - Dues received will be considered as donations.

3) Nominating Committee – Phil Dunmire (entering into the record). Read at Board meeting. Accepted.

Nominating Committee – 2017

Completing the Record

The members appointed by the President and confirmed by the board, as well as the non-voting participants asked by the Chairman to assist, were all duly elected members of the Board of Directors. As such all had a fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interest of the Palm Beach Council without regard to any benefit to themselves.

The committee was concerned with the disharmony between the Board and the then current leadership. Respect for the Board was lacking. Board members were frequently cut off and otherwise disregarded and disrespected leading to considerable tension. This pattern had a negative impact on the Council's focus on mission. In one case a board member resigned after being prevented from providing input.

A number of those serving in the 2017 nominating deliberations had been similarly involved in 2016. They were especially concerned not to have a repeat situation.

New Business

1) Programs – Jenny Monroe met with the Port of Palm Beach.

- Slow boarding process.
- Reserved 40 parking spaces
- Photo ID required
- Register early

2) Upcoming events

- 15 March: Port of Palm Beach. Must register early
- 14 April: Preserve at Iron Horse – Youth Appreciation Dinner. Need sponsors. Master of Ceremony – TBA
- 17 May: PGA Members Club – Speaker VADM Gordon Holder, USN, Ret
- TBA June: Croquet Club – Navy Reserve Appreciation Dinner
 - Dan Pedrick to report best date.

3) 2019 Navy Ball Chair – Catherine Brister. Beach Club will be renovating. Ms. Brister suggested Trump International Golf Course. Cost will be higher. Dinner includes open bar and a Venetian style desserts. Ms. Brister is working out the details trying to change the cost to not include open bar for the youth. Approximately 60 youth will attend.

Charge \$5,000 for the room normally, however \$1500 for us. Date: October 19, 2019.

Ken Lee expressed concern liability with open bars.

Catherine Brister will continue to work out details.

Meeting adjourned at 1303